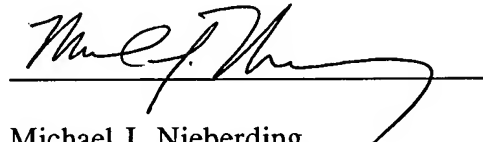


REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending. Applicant thankfully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 3, 4 and 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of original claim 3 and claims 6 and 8 are rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 is cancelled and amended claim 4 now depends from amended claim 1. Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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